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Dear Mr May

I send you the Advocate for April the day printed. It was a little too late to have to make any apology to Douglas's friends — but I warned him, & could not help it. Aaron Powell should have taken great pains to ascertain the truth before he gave Hotchkiss to understand the matter as I had it from him. My wife says we have nothing to do with matters that if I had been right, I had better have let it alone. I suppose I shall be wiser next time.

Mrs Caroline Bellamy Hunt, a Quaker lady who lives at Florence Sears very kind to me there last year writes among other things to say that the Waverly is dead, & that this month March they commence a monthly periodical the English Woman's Journal. Shall I send this instead? — I suppose it will be about 4 each number — & now that I think of it the weight will probably place it beyond the book postage rate between England & the United States. I would be glad to be doing any thing for Mr Heffernan — who is as we say "true blue."

The last I heard of J. Thompson was about 4 weeks ago in a letter from his son-in-law who says "he has left Calcutta for the Himalayas." There is a mystery about him. He is probably glad to be so far away from his wife — who has not been a cause of glory to him,

being petted, selfish, exacting, and a bother.

Will you please send the enclosed note to Mr Bailey with £1 British from the writer who is an friend Mrs Eliza Jacob of Ballston – a very enthusiastic, generous & very poor woman – who probably stinted herself to send the money. I have given that very line of acknowledgement from Bailey would finally satisfy Mrs. Jacob (whose maiden name was Gough.) She at the same time sent me £1 from the Liberator. She regard Garrison as the man of men. She is an elderly woman, the widow of an artist.

Eliza Wigham is – in Dublin I helped me to drive off the Abolitionists by the loan of letters &c. I need only think I had a letter today from Miss Cutler who happens to be here tomorrow on a visit to me & to see her beloved Eliza – but they can orthodoxy & Heterodoxy are most loving. Eliza is as a gentle as a dove & bold as a lion & you could not help loving her if you tried – which you would not.

Go to the Times nobody knows it is to be brought. But in its regard for the material interests & honor of the country (speaking in an entirely worldly sense) it is utterly unprincipled. When you consider how many wealthy, worldly, influential Americans there are in England who penetrate its literary & wealthy circles you need not wonder that American ideas make way, particularly when the British & Foreign Anti-Slavery is a nonentity, & that its Committee

do more to calumniate & discountenance its friends than to help them. I do not hesitate to declare to think that a very obscure & mediocre man like myself is the only man in the thing doing who occupies anything like a public position in relation to the Abolitionists. But to the subscription on the side of my only reason for wishing you to make a change of your collector would be if you knew any one likely to do it better – they would not be hard for any one to do if the man is to be had. Until then I will cheerfully do what I can. Anything I can do for the cause in a pecuniary way only be repaid that you have not been disappointed in the goodness of the cause & my respect for its champions never abating. I have written to Mr Chairman that we had to point to Philadelphia as a receptacle for donations – for that if we did not warn our friends in time, Julia Griffiths would assuredly step in & pick them up. People here know almost nothing of the merits of the cause & it is hard to teach them.

Those Higginses fathers have had great loss of property – and nobly they bear it. He is a fine hearty cheerful, pleasant old man of 72. His eldest son Lawford being just married this Younger son (Clothier in Dublin) is about to set a fast rate matter – so they keep his head in balance. Mrs Edmundson, Higgins's sister is rich – other old people who never want – I think I'll write to the Hansard about the Times next week – You can truly study in Lent

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